

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed February 12, 2009, is acknowledged.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jack Brennan on May 21, 2009.

In the Claims:

3. Claims 44, 55, 57 and 58 have been canceled.
4. In claim 45, line 4, the phrase "arthritis or" has been deleted.
5. In claim 56, line 1, the phrase "claim 55" has been replaced with -- claim 45 -- .
6. Claims 45, 47, 56 and 59 are allowable.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maher Haddad whose telephone number is (571) 272-0845. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on (571) 272-0735. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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